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SUBJ: AUSTRALIAN ANTI-DUMPING LEGISLATION

REF: STATE 207068

1. DEPARTMENT OF OVERSEAS TRADE (DOT) OFFICER INFORMS US THAT, BECAUSE OF UNEXPECTED DISSOLUTION OF PARLIAMENT APRIL 10, ANTI-DUMPING LEGISLATION WAS NOT IN FACT INTRODUCED AS PLANNED AND IS NOT YET ON PROGRAM FOR CURRENT SITTING OF PARLIAMENT WHICH CONVENED SEPTEMBER 17. DEPARTMENT OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE OFFICIAL ALSO TOLD US SEPARATELY THAT DRAFT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION IS QTE IN FAIRLY ADVANCED STAGE END QTE AND WILL CONFORM TO GATT ANTI-DUMPING CODE. DETAILS OF BILL WILL BE FORWARDED WHEN BILL TABLED.

2. AS TO PROSPECTS FOR INTRODUCTION AND PASSAGE DURING CURRENT, SITTING, WE HAVE ENCOUNTERED DIFFERING OPINIONS. CUSTOMS AND EXCISE OFFICIAL EXPRESSED DOUBT THAT LEGISLATION COULD BE PUT THROUGH DURING CURRENT SITTING WHICH ENDS
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LATE NOVEMBER-EARLY DECEMBER 1974. DOT CONTACT, ON OTHER

HAND, CONFIDED THAT HE CURRENTLY WORKING ON MEMORANDUM
URGING DOT MINISTER CAIRNS TO ENSURE LEGISLATION
IS EXPEDITED THROUGH CURRENT SITTING. HE SAID
OTHER COUNTRIES HAD MADE SAME INQUIRY (E.G. JAPAN, UK)
AND GOVERNMENT WAS ACUTELY AWARE OF ITS UNFULFILLED
COMMITMENT. HE EXPRESSED VIEW THAT LEGISLATION
WOULD BE ENACTED.

3. COMMENT: CURRENT SITTING PROMISES TO BE
CONTENTIOUS ONE WITH HEAVY WORKLOAD FOLLOWING MONTH'S
DELAY IN SUBMITTING BUDGET AND LEGISLATIVE PREOCCUPATION
WITH DOMESTIC ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. THIS MAY REDUCE
CHANCES FOR EXPEDITIOUS ACTION ON ANTI-DUMPING LEGISLATION.
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